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Title	Data Processing Method and ...
Express Mail Label No.	EL595432020US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 138]  
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  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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  - Claim(s)
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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 [Copies of IDS Citations]
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of prior application No.: 09, 467,231

Prior application information

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
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Transmitted herewith for filing by other than a small entity is the patent application of:

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and Koichi Emura

For: DATA PROCESSING METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM, AND  
PROGRAM FOR CAUSING COMPUTER TO EXECUTE THE  
DATA PROCESSING METHOD

259 sheets of formal drawings are included.

An assignment of the invention to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., will be forwarded along with a Recordation Form Cover Sheet.

Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 on the basis of the following co-pending U.S. application:

U.S. Application Serial No. 09/467,231 filed December 20, 1999.

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Japanese Patent Application No. Hei. 10-371483 filed December 25, 1998;  
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Japanese Patent Application No. Hei. 11-350479 filed December 9, 1999;  
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Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-190068 filed June 23, 2000.

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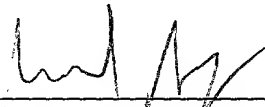
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